

House Bill 1349

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Article 11 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to miscellaneous provisions for the uniform rules of the road for motor vehicles, so as to prohibit the carrying of ladders stacked more than three high in a ladder rack; to provide for a penalty; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Article 11 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to miscellaneous provisions for the uniform rules of the road for motor vehicles, is revised by inserting a new Code section to read as follows:

"40-6-254.1.

(a) In addition to the requirements contained in Code Section 40-6-254, no person shall operate any motor vehicle with ladders attached to the vehicle unless such vehicle has an installed ladder rack or other cargo rack that is manufactured for the purpose of carrying ladders or other cargo on a vehicle and that is secured to the top of such vehicle or, in the case of a pickup truck, attached to the bed of such truck.

(b) No person shall operate any motor vehicle with ladders stacked more than three high on either side of an installed ladder rack or other cargo rack.

(c) No person shall operate any motor vehicle while carrying any cargo, including walk boards, stacked more than 20 inches high in the space between stacked ladders in an installed ladder rack or other cargo rack.

(d) No person shall operate a vehicle carrying ladders without properly securing such ladders with at least two ratcheting tiedown straps that are anchored in at least two points and interlaced so as to prevent the ladders from moving forward, backward, or laterally.

(e) Any person who operates a vehicle in violation of this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

2 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2008.

4 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.